His Majesty's Gracious
LETTER
TO THE
PRIVY-COUNCIL of *SCOTLAND.*

WILLIAM R.

RIGHT Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Right Trusty and Right well Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Counsellors, and Trusty and well Beloved Counsellors, We Greet your well. We have received yours, Dated the *8th.* Instant, wherein you invite Us to be present the next Session of Parliament, in that Our Antient Kingdom, which We accept of very kindly from you, and assure you, that as it was Our Resolution when We come over to *Britain,* to Deliver these Nations from Popery and Arbitrary Power, that the Protestant Religion, the Laws, Rights and Liberties of the Subject might be secured; So when we were setled in the Royal Power, We endeavoured to perfect so good Intentions, doing all things that We thought conduceable thereto, and though Matters have not had the desired Success, yet We are not Discouraged, but with that firmness of Resolution that formerly, We undertook this Voyage into *Britain,* We are determined by God's Assistance, under whose Divine Protection We have cast Our Self, and all Our Concerns, to Prosecute these great Ends in Setling both Church and State upon the solid Basis of Law and Equity, as may be most acceptable to Our People, and Secure this and succeeding Generations, from the Fears of former Evils. And We conceiving that the Meeting Our Parliament in Person, might contribute most for accomplishing Our Designs, Ordered you to Adjourn the said Parliament, from the Eighth of *October* to the First of *March successive*; But many great and urgent Matters, which concern the Common good of the Protestant Interest, and the well of these Our Kingdoms, obliging Us to meet Our People of *England* in a Parliament here on the Twentieth day of *March,* necessitates Us to continue the Adjournment of the Parliament in that Our Antient Kingdom, for some longer time: Therefore We Require you to Issue forth a Proclamation in our Name, for Continuing the Adjournment from the First of *March,* to the Eighteenth day thereof, betwixt and which time, We are hopeful to lay down such Measures, and to give such Instructions to Our Commissioner, till We can be present, as may give satisfaction to Our People; Resolving always to prefer their safety, to Our quiet and repose, esteeming the Ruling by Law, and in moderation, the greatest, as well as the surest of all Our Prerogatives; Expecting in the meantime you will take all care for getting Subsistence to the Forces, and doing all other things that you judge necessary for the good of the Country, and Our Service: For doing of which, this shall be your Warrant, And so we bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at Kensingtoun, *the Thirteenth day of* February, 1690.
And of Our Reign, the First Year.

By His Majesty's Command,

MELVILL.

A PROCLAMATION FOR

Adjourning the Parliament from the Firſt day of *March* next, to the Eighteenth day of the ſaid Month.

Edinburgh, the Eighteenth day of *February*, 1690.

WHereas his Majeſty, by his Royal Letter of the Date at *Holland-houſe*, the Thirtieth of *November* laſt bypaſt, Authoriſed and Required the Lords of his Privy-Council, to iſſue forth a Proclamation in his Name, Continuing the Adjournment of this Current Parliament till the Firſt day of *March* next: And that the Council have in obedience to His Majeſty's Commands, and in His Name, and by virtue of His Royal Authority, Declared the ſame Parliament Current, and Continued the Adjournment thereof until the ſaid Firſt day of *March* next: And His Majeſty having ſignified by his Letter, to the Lords of the Privy-Council, of the Date at *Kenſingtoun*, the Thirteenth day of *February*, One thouſand ſix hundred and ninety years, that many great and urgent Matters, which concerned the good of the Proteſtant Intereſt, and the well of theſe Kingdoms, did neceſſitate his Majeſty to continue the Adjournment of the Parliament in this Kingdom for ſome longer time, and hath thereby Authorized and Required the ſaids Lords, to iſſue forth a Proclamation in his Name, continuing the Adjournment until the Eighteenth day of the ſaid Month of *March* next. Therefore the Lords of the Privy-Couucil, Do in his Majeſty's Name, and by his ſpecial Command and Authority, Declare the ſaid Parliament Current, and continues the Adjournment thereof until the ſaid Eighteenth of *March* next; And Require and Command the Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heraulds, Macers of Privy-Council, Purſevants, Meſſengers at Arms, Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and ſeverally, that incontinent theſe Preſents ſeen, they paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Croſſes of the Head Burghs of this Kingdom, and there in his Majeſty's Name and Authority foreſaid, by open Proclamation, make Intimation of the Continuation of the ſaid Adjournment, from the Firſt day of *March* next, to the Eighteenth day of the ſaid Month; Requiring hereby all the Members of Parliament to attend that Day, at Ten a clock in the Forenoon, in the uſual way, and at the ordinary place, and upon the accuſtomed Certifications. For doing of all which, the ſaids Lords commit to them conjunctly and ſeverally his Majeſty's full Power, by theſe Preſents, delivering the ſamine by them duely Executed and Indorſed again to the Bearer. Extracted by me,

GILB. ELIOT, *Cls. Sti. Concili.*

GOD ſave King *WILLIAM* and Queen *MARY*.

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